

MAJESTIC

Ohio River below Central Bridge, Cincinnati

“Showboat’s a’coming, there’s dancing tonight.” Between 1831 and the 1920s, more than 50 showboats carried circuses and dramatic productions to towns large and small lining the rivers of America. Their eagerly awaited arrivals, generally announced by the sounds of the calliope, were occasions for celebration. Now only two survive: *Majestic* and *Goldenrod*. Built in 1923, *Majestic* brought pleasure to towns on the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers and their tributaries until World War II. The City of Cincinnati bought *Majestic* in 1967 and refurbished it for waterfront performances. (See *Goldenrod*, Saint Louis City, Missouri.)